

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10 and 12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 11 is canceled. Thus, no new matter is added by this Amendment.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Garcia in the September 20, 2006 personal interview and the October 18, 2006 telephone interview. Applicants separate record of the substance of the interviews is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-4, 6-8, 10 and 12 are allowed.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,498,656 (Walmsley). Claim 11 is herein canceled, thus this rejection is moot.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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